

MEAT PRICES ARE SOARING

Many New Yorkers Unable to Buy Beef Since the Butchers' Strike Commenced.

BUT VEGETARIANS ARE HAPPY

Say That the Strike Will Have the Effect of Educating the People Against the Use of so Much Meat.

New York, July 14.—Most keenly of all in Greater New York, the residents of the great east side will feel the scarcity of meat due to the packing house employees' strike.

Orthodox Hebrews, who compose a large percentage of the population in that quarter, however, are now fasting and will continue to do so 13 days, in lamentation over the fall of the temple.

Those of other nationalities and the followers of the Hebrew religion who do not so strictly observe its tenets already have begun to complain over the high prices. They can afford to purchase meat ordinarily in the smallest quantities.

They buy a half pound of beef, a quarter of a chicken or a small portion of liver or beef heart and the tougher and coarser portions of carcasses. Their supplies are weighed out to them by ounces.

The Kosher regulations prescribe that the meat must be eaten within three days after the animal has been killed, which practically prohibits the use of the cold storage article.

It is anticipated that when the shortage becomes acute it will be necessary for the police to guard the meat shops. Officials of vegetarian societies are in high glee over the predicament of the meat eaters and are readily giving voice to opinions on the subject of diet. They insist that the strike, instead of being a hardship, will prove ultimately a two-fold blessing in educating the people to adopt their plan. Living expenses will be greatly reduced and the condition of the people vastly improved. Peanuts, partly boiled, but not roasted, they declare, far more nutritious than meat. Many physicians coincide in this opinion. All sorts of menus are being made, containing soups, salads, eggs, bread and fruits. One well known vegetarian declares that peanuts and cheese contain all the food qualities necessary to the human system.

MADE TO DIG HIS OWN GRAVE.

Montana Man Had Narrow Escape From Murderous Woman.

Butte, Mont., July 14.—In the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. A. Ferguson of Stuart, a small station several miles south of Butte, on the charge of attempted murder of George Parrot, also of Stuart, probably one of the strangest and most mysterious criminal cases in the history of Montana has been revealed.

According to Parrot's complaint Mrs. Ferguson attempted to carry out an alleged threat that she would compel him to dig his own grave, kill him on the brink of it, and then bury him in the hole. Parrot declares he owes his escape from the diabolical fate planned for him by the woman to a lucky glance upward, which he made while digging what the Ferguson woman had designed for his grave.

Parrot swears that Mrs. Ferguson lured him to a lonely spot about three miles from Stuart to dig some treasure buried by robbers, of which the woman claimed she had knowledge, and which she offered to divide provided he would dig it out. Parrot says Mrs. Ferguson drew an outline of the excavation he was to make, and that he then thought it odd that the diagram resembled a grave. After he had dug about four feet and the ground showed no evidence of ever having been disturbed before, Parrot says he thought that he was being made a fool of, and casually glanced upward. As he did so his neck came in contact with the muzzle of Mrs. Ferguson's revolver, and he realized the peril that menaced him. Parrot says he wrenched the gun from the woman after a struggle.

Mrs. Ferguson's motive in making the alleged attempt on Parrot's life is a mystery, but is believed to have its origin in the mysterious killing of Bullas Parrot, a brother of George Parrot, five years ago, in a resort run by Parrot near Stuart. Bullas Parrot was found strangled to death one morning, and Mrs. Ferguson's husband was suspected of the murder. Before the officers could arrest him he disappeared, and though George Parrot

has a reward of \$1,000 standing for the apprehension of the murderer, nothing has been heard of Ferguson. The officers are of the belief that Mrs. Ferguson's object in attempting the life of George Parrot was probably with the idea that with his death the reward would be removed and the hunt for her husband abandoned.

Mrs. Ferguson is also missing, but she is believed to be hiding in Helena and her arrest is expected within a few days. The woman is regarded as eccentric, and by some as slightly demented. She dresses in the height of fashion, with a lavish display of diamonds. She is an attractive woman and has in her possession the credentials of a Pinkerton detective. In her left hand she always carries a handbag in which are a pair of handcuffs and a small revolver. Prior to the swearing out of the Parrot complaint Mrs. Ferguson spent a month with friends at Great Falls, where her eccentricities were the subject of much comment.

WHY CLARK WED SECRETLY.

His Wife Was Anxious to Avoid the Incident Social Obligations.

The Butte Miner publishes the following authentic statement from Senator W. A. Clark concerning his secret marriage in France:

"There are many good reasons why both Mrs. Clark and myself desired to keep our marriage a secret. Mrs. Clark did not care for social distinction, nor the obligations that would entail upon my public life. She was anxious to remain in Europe for a time to continue her studies, where she could do these with more freedom. Personally, I would have preferred to have her with me at all times, but my extensive interests compelled me to spend a great deal of time traveling through the United States, and I did not have the necessary time myself to devote to social obligations and their active requirements.

"It has been stated that my family objected to this union. Whatever apprehension, if any, may have existed in this respect on my part was entirely dissipated, when the facts were disclosed, by the cordial reception of the information and their approval of these relations, which were so essential to my happiness. Then, again, I wanted my child to be educated in America and brought up as a resolute and patriotic American."

Senator W. A. Clark and Miss Anna LaChapelle were married in Marseilles, France, May 25, 1901. A daughter, Audree, was born in August of the following year. Mrs. Clark was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. LaChapelle of Butte. Like Senator Clark, Dr. LaChapelle was an early settler of Montana. He died 13 years ago, leaving his wife and several children almost penniless.

Senator Clark undertook the education of the children. The eldest daughter, Anna, attended the young ladies' seminary at Deer Lodge, Mont. She was sent to Europe to complete her education. She is an accomplished linguist, speaking German, French and Spanish, and now studying Italian. She is a talented musician, and was a pupil of Professor Hasselsmans, the eminent harpist.

Senator Clark will reopen his Washington home in the fall and will reside there with his beautiful wife and child.

LAW DECLARED VOID.

Registry for Horseshoers Annulled by New York Appellate Court.

New York, July 14.—A recently enacted law requiring journeymen horseshoers to be registered has been declared unconstitutional by the appellate division of the supreme court. Samuel Beattie was convicted of a misdemeanor for horseshoeing without a certificate filed in the county clerk's office, showing that he had been duly examined and qualified as required under the labor law. Beattie appealed on the ground that the statute deprived him of his liberty and property without due process of law. Justice Hatch, writing the unanimous opinion of the court said he failed to see how the regulation of shoeing horses has any tendency to promote the health, comfort, safety and welfare of society.

SHOT HUSBAND BY MISTAKE.

Sumpter Newspaperman Is Almost Killed by His Spouse.

Sumpter, Ore., July 14.—T. G. Gynne, city editor of the Sumpter Daily Miner, was mistaken for a burglar and shot by his wife last night. The bullet went through the fleshy part of the left arm. Gynne was not seriously injured. His wife almost fainted when she discovered who she had shot. Gynne was able to attend to his duties today, although he had a narrow escape from death.

PANAMANS WORKED UP

Excited Over United States' Action in Establishing Customs House in Canal Zone.

AYER TREATY IS VIOLATED

Movement Is Calculated to Ruin the Commerce of the New Republic, So Say the Newspapers

Panama, July 14.—The decree of Governor Davis establishing a customs house in the canal zone has created excited comment here. The principal merchants of Panama and Colon assembled in the Commercial Club to discuss the situation and unanimously decided that the establishment of custom houses in such form means the ruin of the commerce of Panama and Colon and consequently of the republic.

The canal commissioners and officers of the government have discussed the situation, which is believed by all to be extremely serious unless the decree be revoked and the interests of Panama considered.

The newspapers have started a campaign to prove to the people and the government of the United States the injustice of the measure, which is the cause of excitement in all circles.

Yesterday morning the steamship City of Peking, of the Pacific Steamship Company, arrived from San Francisco, which port she left on June 19. On arriving at Corinto, the City of Peking got clearance papers for Ancon, the American port in the canal zone and the captain of the Port of Panama refused to receive the steamer, claiming that under the treaty with the United States all ports in Panama are under the jurisdiction of the Panama authorities. The captain of the port also made a protest on the action of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which he considers against the rights of the republic, and sent a copy of it to the president and to the agents of the company.

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